

PUBLIC MEETINGS.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

The Board of Supervisors held a regular weekly meeting yesterday in one of the rooms of the Court of Common Pleas, President Stewart in the chair. Mr. DAVIS referred to the acceptance by Mr. Kennedy of the General Superintendent of the Police, and presented Mr. Kennedy's resignation of his position in the Board of Supervisors.

OFFICE OF GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE.

No. 218 Broadway, June 5, 1860.

To the Board of Supervisors of the City of New York.

GENTLEMEN: Having entered upon the duties of Superintendent of the Metropolitan Police, I deem it proper to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th inst., and to express my sincere thanks for the confidence reposed in me by the Board of Supervisors.

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CITY ITEMS.

AMATEUR CONCERT.

A Concert is to be given this evening in the Baptist Church at Port Richmond, in which the principal attraction is the appearance of several amateurs. Some professional persons are to take part in the exercises, but the presence of several ladies among the performers, who have never before appeared in public, is the point of interest.

THE UNION FERRY TO BROOKLYN.

The Union Ferry Company threaten to raise the rate of ferriage from one and a half to two cents, owing to the increase of the lease from \$50,000 to \$100,000 per annum. Ten years ago, when the lease was taken at the former rate, the population of Brooklyn was 96,838; in 1855 it had increased to 235,250. Now it is probably close upon 300,000. In this case it would appear that the new lease is actually a reduction of the rate charged ten years ago, while the receipts are more than trebled. The Daily News has been authorized, by responsible parties to make the following propositions for the relief of the Union Ferry Company:

1. To give a \$100,000 bonus for the lease of the ferry.
2. To give a bonus of \$75,000 for the privilege of the purchase.
3. To guarantee that during the term the ferry will never exceed one cent for each passenger and
4. To take the entire property of the Company of their hands and sell it at an equitable valuation.

THE PEOPLE RESIDING IN BROOKLYN.

The people residing in Brooklyn, who are compelled to cross the ferries so frequently, would not have the slightest objection to any such commutation as these propositions set forth as being practicable and desirable.

THE CHAMBERLAIN.

For several days past, the counsel for the contending parties in the matter of the Chamberlain have been negotiating for the purpose of effecting some earlier way of coming to a conclusion than by the ordinary course of the case would take before the Supreme Court, and they have come to the conclusion, by mutual agreement, to intrust the making up of a case for that Court to the Counsel for the Controller, Wm. M. Evans, esp. Only a short delay will therefore occur, as Mr. Evans will be ready in a day or two.

PAGE'S INSTITUTE.

The Venus by Page, which has been on exhibition for a week or two past at Struycken's Institute, has been removed to the Commodore's Gallery of Mr. Haumann, at the corner of Broadway and Bond street. An interesting exhibition of other paintings, by English, French, and American artists, is in the same gallery.

THE ALLIED MALFEASANCE IN THE CORPORATION ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

The Special Committee appointed by the Board of Common Council to investigate the charges made against Mr. George C. Genet, Corporation Attorney, by Mr. Jones, the President of the Board of Common Council, have commenced advertising, and will continue to do so until Monday next, for all parties who have been fined by that officer since the 1st of January for the violation of Corporation ordinances to present their receipts for the same, in order that the clerk of the Committee may take copies of them; and all other parties who can give information as to the matter will be required to testify what they know. A number of statements have been received and entered in a book for the purpose by the clerk, but nothing can be made public until the Committee have a meeting.

TAMMANY HALL TURNED INTO A COURT-ROOM.

Members of the bar will be pleased to learn that Sheriff Kelly has procured accommodations for the Supreme Court in Tammany Hall. The two large rooms on the second floor have been obtained for one month, at the sum of \$500, the proprietor of the Hall to keep it clean and in order. The Court will meet in Tammany Hall to-day.

AN OLD LAW FOR THE ANNIHILATION OF THE TICKET SWINDLERS.

Capit. Hart of the City Hall has made the discovery, in turning over the voluminous emblems of the Legislature, of an old law upon ticket swindling which is threefold more decisive and calculated to meet the wants of the people who are so commonly being swindled and fooled by the delay of justice, than is that adopted by the Legislature at its last session. What is still more remarkable the law having been passed in 1857, is that no person belonging either to the legal profession or the city offices where such complaints are wont to be made, should have been aware of its existence.

THE FIRST SECTION OF THE LAW PROVIDES THAT:

"No person or persons other than the agents or employees of a railroad, steamboat, or other public conveyance, shall be permitted to sell or dispose of tickets for travel on any such conveyance, except as provided by the laws of this State."

THE SECOND SECTION MAKES ANOTHER IMPORTANT AND NECESSARY PROVISION WHICH HAS BEEN ENTIRELY OVERLOOKED IN THE MORE RECENT ENACTMENTS:

"When any person or persons shall be convicted of an offense under the provisions of the first section of this act, it shall be the duty of the magistrate before whom such complaint is made, to take and reduce to writing, in the presence of the complainant, the evidence and the facts which may be offered, either on behalf of the prosecution or the party accused, and the magistrate shall be responsible for the truth of the facts and the correctness of the evidence so taken and reduced to writing."

THE PERALTY IS DECREED TO BE:

"A fine of not less than \$100, or imprisonment for not less than three months, or both." To be sure, the law will be found on page 90 of the Revised Statutes of the State of New York, fifth edition, volume 9.

TWO SWINDLERS, NAMED CHARLES R. ROBERTS AND ISAAC HAMILTON.

Two swindlers, named Charles R. Roberts and Isaac Hamilton, were arrested yesterday by the City-Hall police, on the complaint of Wm. Mercer of Beaufort, North Carolina, and taken before the Police Justice sitting at the Tombs, who, on being referred to the above law, instantly committed them to prison for examination and trial.

MILITARY.—THE TWENTY-THIRD REGIMENT.

"National Guards," of which Brevet Col. Jacob Ransom is the commanding officer, celebrate their thirty-fifth anniversary by an excursion to Orange, N. J., on the 12th inst.

ON MONDAY NIGHT, AS THE TWELFTH REGIMENT, COL. BUTTERFIELD, WAS RETURNING FROM THE BRIGADE DRILL ON THE CAHAWA ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON, IN EXTREME

ill health, having been an invalid for several years. Col. Hallet was for nearly thirty years the President of the Bank of Mobile, and was known as a successful merchant and banker. On Friday, June 1, a flash of lightning struck a silver pine tree, estimated to be a hundred feet high and over two feet in diameter, standing upon the lawn of Mr. De Peyster, at Tivoli, Dutchess County. Some of it was splintered as if it had been twisted by an immense power, and in places it was blackened as if by the effect of powder. Ex-President Pierce and Gen. Caleb Cushing are expected in the city in a day or two, to be present at the marriage of Sydney Webster, Private Secretary to the ex-President, with a daughter of ex-United States Senator Hamilton Fish.

WILLIAM H. VEESE, FORMERLY AMERICAN CONSUL AT HAVRE, FROM WHICH POSITION HE WAS REMOVED BY PRESIDENT BUCHANAN, HAS BEEN CALLED BY GEN. DIA TO ASSIST IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE NEW-YORK POST-OFFICE AFFAIRS.

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affair. He was held for examination by Justice Quackenbush.

THROUGH TO LONG BRANCH.—Those of our citizens who are accustomed to spend the hot season at the seashore, and have been deterred from visiting Long Branch and the adjacent Summer resorts by the difficulty of journeying to and from the same in any reasonable space of time, will be interested in learning that these points are now placed within a two-hour's trip from New-York by the new Raritan and Delaware Bay Railroad, of which mention has been before made in these columns.

The steamers Nautilus and Rip Van Winkle convey passengers from the foot of Robinson street, leaving daily at 6 a. m. and 3 p. m., to Port Monmouth, near Keyport, where the railroad begins. The latter route to Shrewsbury, Red Bank, Easton, Oceanport, and Messure Bay, having switch-offs at each of these watering-places, and will be completed to Long Branch on or before the 13th inst. Merchants can now take up their residences at either of these resorts, and still spend five or six hours daily in the city, returning in the evening to their families. It is anticipated that this road will connect with that running from Camden to Atlantic City, in opposition to the Camden and Amboy route to Philadelphia.

COLORS FOR THE SIXTH REGIMENT.—Two flags, red and blue, painted on one side and embroidered on the other, and appropriately inscribed, which have been ordered by the city at a cost of \$500, to be presented to the 6th Regiment, were placed in charge of the keeper of the City Hall on Monday. The 6th Regiment are to be formally presented with the colors, by the Mayor, on the day of the reception of the Japanese Embassy, prior to marching through the city.

MINOR CITY ITEMS.—Monday was a scorching; but in the evening a sharp shower fell, cooling the atmosphere, and laying the dust. Yesterday we had several showers, and the weather was quite chilly.

Speaking of dust, here's the City Inspector's account for the past week: 311 men were employed, who performed 1,142 days' work; 2,019 loads of manure, 4,792 loads of dirt and rubbish, and 3,148 loads of ashes—or a total of 16,249 loads of all sorts of rubbish were removed—at an expense of \$1,323.51 (\$833 less than the previous week, when \$5,156.51 of dirt were removed). The sweepers were paid \$1,713, the dust and manure cartmen \$1,331.95, and the ash cartmen \$2,188.60, a total of \$5,235.51, to say nothing of the salaries of a horde of officials in the service of the City Inspector. When we have to have a fair, legitimate contract for cleaning the streets? What has become of that referred to the Common Council for approval? The glorious Garibaldi does not lack admirers in New-York. Some of our young men are going to get up a meeting to arrange for raising material and personal aid for the Italian chief. Speed the good work! The New-York Club will soon occupy the residence of Mr. Haight, on Fifth avenue, as a Club-House. The Jan-street M. E. Church has been closed for extensive decorations, new carpets, upholstery, paint, and frescoing. Mr. B. C. Terry was to launch, on Monday, from his ship-yard at Keyport, two propellers, for Capt. A. Degroot, intended for harbor service. Peter Burns, one of the few survivors of the New-York Volunteers in the Mexican war, was buried on Sunday. He has been sick several months, and breathed his last at the City Hospital. The concluding examinations of the Senior Class in Columbia College commenced on Monday morning, and will continue daily during the week. On Monday next the students of the three lower classes will commence their examinations, which will also continue throughout that week. Candidates for admission to the College will be examined on Friday, 23d, and Saturday, 24th inst. The Commencement exercises will take place on the 26th inst., at 10 o'clock a. m., in the Academy of Music. On and after Thursday next the steamers of the Stonington line will leave the foot of Canal street at 5 o'clock, instead of 6 o'clock.

THE NEW STATES INSURY FIRM COMPANY HAVE CHOSEN THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS:

Wm. C. Pendleton of New-Brighton, President; Charles E. Roney of Port Richmond, Vice-President; Col. Nathan Barrett of Flatbush, Treasurer; and Orville D. Jewett of Castle Garden, Secretary. The steamboat Florida has about twelve hundred passengers a day. For some time past the emigrants arriving at Castle Garden have been much annoyed by having their baggage checked stolen by pickpockets, who had been in the habit of stationing themselves at one of the gates of the income and robbing the unwary foreigners coming out. Superintendent Kennedy has accordingly commenced the duties of his position by ordering policemen to be stationed at the place in question, to arrest such parties as may be found in the act of plundering the emigrant. Silas B. Dutcher, the newly-appointed Supervisor taking the place of John A. Kennedy, was sworn into office yesterday before the Mayor. John Russell was also sworn into office as Inspector of Contract Work under the Croton Commission. The Board of Health held another meeting yesterday afternoon, the proceedings of which were kept secret. The Commissioners of Health also met in secret. Sergeant Lord reported to the Board of Police yesterday that the forty-story brick building, No. 1 Cedar street, is in a very unsafe condition, the walls having settled to such a degree that the structure seems liable to fall at any moment. The matter was referred for immediate action. John W. Draper, M. D., Professor of the University of this city, leaves for England in the Persia to-day. The friends of the University have made a handsome contribution, to be expended by the Doctor in the enlargement of the apparatus for both the Philosophical and Chemical Departments of the Institution. Messrs. Blocker will sell at auction to-day the old country seat, at Bloomingdale, of the late John Adams, esp. consisting of the fine old mansion and about sixty lots of Eighty-sixth street, Tenth avenue, and Broadway, all in noble streets. The new North River steamboat Daniel Drew, Capt. J. P. Tallman, went to Albany on Tuesday on a trial trip and expects to return to-day. She left her pier foot of Amos street at 7 o'clock a. m., and started in the style. Col Wm R. Hallet of Mobile died at his Summer residence in this city yesterday morning. He arrived from the South on the Cahawa on Sunday afternoon, in extreme ill health, having been an invalid for several years. Col. Hallet was for nearly thirty years the President of the Bank of Mobile, and was known as a successful merchant and banker. On Friday, June 1, a flash of lightning struck a silver pine tree, estimated to be a hundred feet high and over two feet in diameter, standing upon the lawn of Mr. De Peyster, at Tivoli, Dutchess County. Some of it was splintered as if it had been twisted by an immense power, and in places it was blackened as if by the effect of powder. Ex-President Pierce and Gen. Caleb Cushing are expected in the city in a day or two, to be present at the marriage of Sydney Webster, Private Secretary to the ex-President, with a daughter of ex-United States Senator Hamilton Fish.

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I am going to die." Without further words, he placed the pistol to his forehead, and discharged it—the contents entering the brain, and laying him senseless upon the floor. The boys ran out of the shop for help, and called Officers Waters and McKay, who removed the suicidist to the Hospital.

THE EXPEDITION TO THE NORTH POLE TO SAIL IN TWO WEEKS.—Much interest has been excited in this city by the project of another expedition to the Arctic regions. Dr. Hayes, the companion of the lamented Kane in the Grinnell expedition, volunteered to lead another party to the frozen regions of the North—not to learn the fate of Sir John Franklin, but to settle the great geographical problem of an open Polar Sea. Many came forward ready to join his company, but all the money was not raised. Public meetings were held here and in Boston and Philadelphia, to further the object; but still it bungled. \$30,000 was the very lowest sum that could possibly suffice, and of this two or three thousand were still wanting on Saturday night, when the Arctic Committee of the Geographical Society met and resolved to assume the balance themselves, so that the Expedition at any rate should go. Thus the question is settled. The subscriptions will be immediately called in, and Dr. Hayes will sail from this port in about two weeks. Since, therefore, it is decided that the Expedition will certainly go, it becomes a matter of common humanity that it should be enabled to go with a proper outfit, with suitable clothing and provisions, and that these brave men should not have to endure the horrible sufferings already experienced by both Dr. Hayes and Dr. Kane. To furnish these supplies the Committee appeal to the public for additional contributions both in money and in kind. Boston has offered to furnish and equip the vessel. It would be a shame if New-York could not provide for the hardy voyagers. The sum originally set down as the lowest necessary for the outfit, and the completion of which was made a condition for the calling in of the subscription, has been obtained, and Dr. Hayes will sail; yet it is the lowest sum, and every addition to it will be an increase of that comfort and well-being which is desirable on so long and so venturesome an Expedition. The Treasurer of the Committee, Henry Grinnell, No. 40 Barclay street, Robert L. Vile, 11 Broadway, Cyrus W. Field, No. 27 Nassau street, Benjamin H. Field, No. 127 West street, Henry E. Pierpont, Brooklyn, or any other member of the Committee, will receive whatever may be contributed in money or in kind. Contributions in kind will be very acceptable and will allow Dr. Hayes to reserve the limited amount of money at his command for other necessities of the outfit. 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